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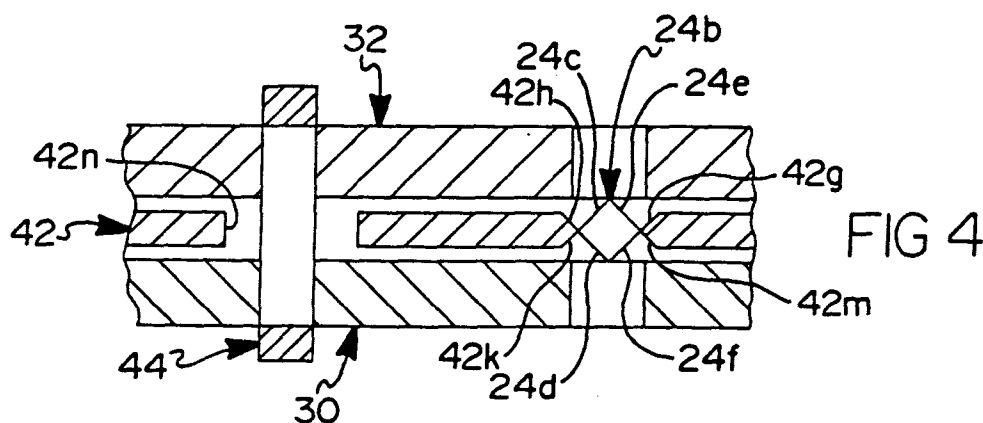
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(54) Pin-type synchronizer

(57) A pin-type, double-acting synchronizer mechanism (10) with friction members (34, 46 and 36, 48), jaw members (30, 38 and 32, 40) axially secured together by retainers (44), three circumferentially spaced pins (50) including blocker shoulders for preventing asynchronous engagement of the jaw clutches, and pre-energizer assemblies (52) to ensure initial engagement of

the friction rings and blocker shoulders in response to initial engaging movement of a shift flange (42), and self-energizing ramps (24c, 24d, 24e, 24f) defined by posts (24b) projecting from a hub (20) and self-energizing ramps (42g, 42h, 42k, 43m) defined by the flange. The synchronizer includes improved jaw members and improved self energizing ramps.



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1. Claims: 1-3

A pin-type synchronizer having first and second jaw members defined by external spines on the associated drives, and third and fourth axially movable jaw members defined by internal splines.

2. Claims: 4-6

A pin-type synchronizer with second self-energizing ramps defined by radially outward projecting means on the centre ring of the hub.

3. Claims: 7-10

A pin-type synchronizer in which the external splines of the hub have an outer diameter less than the maximum diameter of the radially outward projections thereon.

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